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LD 1501 Survey Results

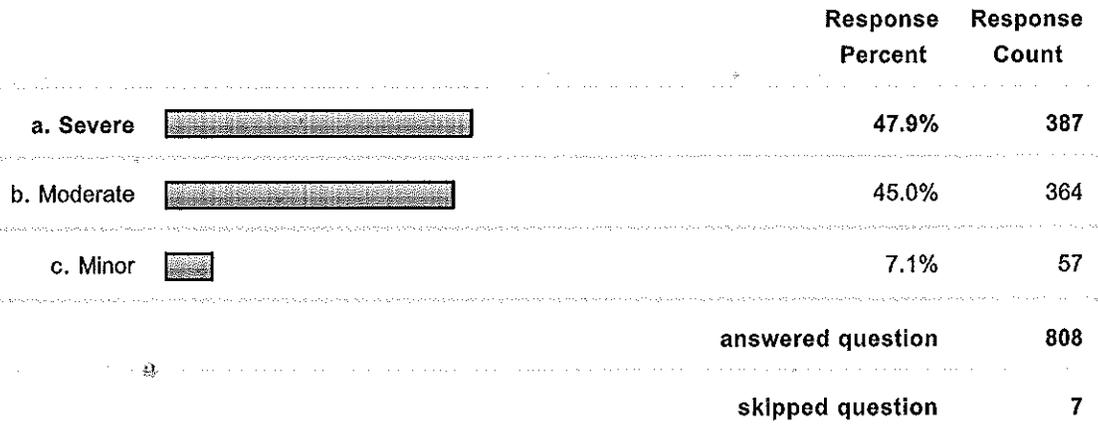
What category of prescriber are you?

	Response Percent	Response Count
1. What category of prescriber are you?		
a. Physician	58.3%	474
b. Physician Assistant	10.2%	83
c. Dentist	1.4%	11
d. Nurse Practitioner	28.3%	230
e. Podiatrist	0.2%	2
f. Other	1.4%	11
	answered question	813
	skipped question	2

In what setting do you practice?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. Critical Access Hospital	12.3%	100
b. Hospital (non-CAH)	25.9%	210
c. FQHC	9.7%	79
d. Large Private Practice (10 or more prescribers at your physical location)	11.3%	92
e. Small Private Practice (less than 10 prescribers at your physical location)	24.1%	196
f. Solo Practice	8.1%	66
g. Other	13.8%	112
answered question		812
skipped question		3

What is your characterization of opioid addiction/abuse in your area?



How often do you prescribe opioids for patients experiencing chronic, non-cancer pain?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. Frequent (multiple patients per day) 	7.2%	58
b. Routinely (several patients per week) 	25.6%	207
c. Rare (a few patients per month) 	34.1%	276
d. Never – But I do prescribe opioids for other pain (cancer, acute, post-surgical, etc.) 	23.0%	186
e. Never - I don't prescribe opioids at all 	10.2%	83
	answered question	810
	skipped question	5

What is your level of utilization of the State's Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) when prescribing opioids?

		Response Percent	Response Count
a. Always – I'm registered and I always use it		15.0%	121
b. Usually – I'm registered and I usually use it		30.7%	247
c. Rare - I'm registered but I rarely use it		34.8%	280
d. Never / I am not registered		19.4%	156
answered question			804
skipped question			11

Does your practice attempt to identify patients who may be at risk for opioid diversion?

		Response Percent	Response Count
a. Yes – By reviewing patient history only		65.4%	525
b. Yes – By reviewing patient history and use of a standardized risk assessment tool		16.4%	132
c. No		10.6%	85
d. N/A.		7.6%	61
answered question			803
skipped question			12

Does your practice attempt to identify patients who may be at risk for opioid addiction?

		Response Percent	Response Count
a. Yes – By reviewing patient history only		68.4%	548
b. Yes – By reviewing patient history and use of a standardized risk assessment tool		17.9%	143
c. No		7.5%	60
d. N/A.		6.2%	50
answered question			801
skipped question			14

What educational measures do you take to reduce the risk of addiction and/or diversion (you may select more than 1 answer to this question)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
a. Patient contracts/agreements		62.1%	500
b. Educating the patient about the addiction/diversion problem		74.4%	599
c. Educating the patient about safe storage and disposal		52.7%	424
d. N/A		15.8%	127
answered question			805
skipped question			10

What precautionary measures do you take to reduce the risk of addiction and/or diversion (you may select more than 1 answer to this question)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. PMP utilization 	55.1%	446
b. Pill counts 	40.5%	328
c. Drug testing 	55.4%	448
d. Short fills initially 	63.9%	517
e. N/A 	15.9%	129
answered question		809
skipped question		6

Does your practice refer patients to a pain management specialist?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. routinely 	32.2%	261
b. occasionally 	38.8%	314
c. rarely or never - because there is no insurance coverage for pain specialists 	2.0%	16
d. rarely or never - because these specialists are not available in my area 	7.0%	57
e. rarely or never - because the care is not efficacious in my opinion 	3.3%	27
f. N/A 	16.7%	135
answered question		810
skipped question		5

What education or training on the treatment of chronic pain have you received in the past 12 months?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. In-person training that was locally offered (within 1 hour drive); 	24.9%	201
b. In-person training that was not local (more than 1 hour away); 	19.1%	154
c. Online training 	28.6%	231
d. Written training 	16.1%	130
e. None. 	37.1%	299
answered question		807
skipped question		8

If more training opportunities were offered would you attend?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. Definitely; <input type="checkbox"/>	38.6%	311
b. Maybe; <input type="checkbox"/>	46.7%	376
c. Doubtful. <input type="checkbox"/>	14.7%	118
	answered question	805
	skipped question	10

In what setting would you be most likely to participate in education?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. At my office	14.3%	114
b. At an in-person event offered locally	42.4%	339
c. At any in-person event offered in Maine	13.0%	104
d. Online/webinars	30.4%	243
answered question		800
skipped question		15

The PMP could send emails to you notifying you that a threshold alert has been issued for one of your patients and is available to be viewed on the secure PMP website?

		Response Percent	Response Count
a. Good Idea – I would be more likely to view the threshold alert;		79.8%	643
b. OK Idea – It might increase the likelihood that I would view the alert;		14.8%	119
c. Bad Idea – It wouldn't change anything and I don't want more emails.		5.5%	44
		answered question	806
		skipped question	9

The legislation that was filed (and held over to the 2012 session) includes several mandates on the manner and method of prescribing opioids; what would be your reaction to legislative mandates designed to curb opioid addiction and diversion?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. I would probably reduce my prescribing of opioids;	21.0%	167
b. I would not reduce my prescribing of opioids and would absorb the burden of mandates for current and future patients;	22.2%	176
c. I would not reduce my prescribing of opioids for current patients but I would not prescribe for new patients;	4.4%	35
d. I would stop prescribing opioids and I would refer my patients in need of opioids to other practitioners who would prescribe them;	9.1%	72
e. Don't know/no opinion.	43.3%	344
answered question		794
skipped question		21